

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, November 23, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
Online Meeting

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 283 of St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota, convened at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2020 via online meeting platform. Present were Board Members Mary Tomback, Karen Waters, Anne Casey, Heather Wilsey, Laura McClendon, C. Colin Cox and Superintendent Astein Osei. Director Ken Morrison was absent. Also present were members of the Superintendent's Cabinet.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Mary Tomback called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Tomback, seconded by Waters to amend the agenda to remove item 4.D. Policy Development - First Reading 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records as the version in the board packet was not the most updated version of the policy. By means of roll call vote, the motion to amend the agenda passed 6-0. A motion was made by Wilsey, seconded by Casey to approve the agenda, as amended. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei provided an update on the District's Safe Learning Plan highlighting that the District will postpone the implementation of Distance Learning Academy and full-day hybrid model for students in grades K-5, students in grades E-5 transitioned to distance learning on November 23, 2020, students in grades 6-12 transitioned to distance learning on November 16, 2020, and that the Safe Learning Plan will be re-evaluated at the January 11, 2021 School Board meeting. He also shared an update connected to Executive Order 20-99 which will dial back certain activities to slow the spread of COVID-19. Athletics and activities will be paused as will facilities rentals.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 School Calendars

Richard Kreyer, Director of Human Resources reviewed the 2021-2022 and the 2022-2023 tentative calendars. The 2021-2022 calendar was approved at the March 9, 2020 School Board Meeting and a notable change is that the first day of school will be on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 for grades 1-12 and Thursday, September 9, 2021 for Kindergarten. Historically, the first day of school is on the Tuesday after Labor Day but in 2021, Rosh Hashanah falls on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 and so the Board approved starting a day later. Two drafts were presented for the 2022-2023 school year.

Budget Update & Preview of Levy Certification

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services provided a budget update and a preview of the Levy Certification in preparation for the Truth in Taxation hearing which will be held at 6:00pm on December 14, 2020. Items discussed were the budget timeline, projected fund balances through June 30, 2020 pending final audit approval and a preview of the final 2020 levy payable

in 2021. The levy preview included an overview of the levy, the general fund, the community service fund and debt service fund, and an overview of the declining pay 2021 tax rate with sample tax impact. The levy will be certified by the Board at the December 14, 2021 meeting.

School Board Listening Session Recap

C. Colin Cox, Board Director provided a recap of the School Board Listening Session held virtually on November 16, 2020. Directors Cox and Morrison led the session and they heard from about seven community members. Some themes that emerged were concerns or lack of clarity around curriculum and challenges in distance learning, amongst others.

Policy Development - Second Reading 410 Family and Medical Leave, 413 Harassment and Violence, 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults

The School Board reviewed policies 410 Family and Medical Leave, 413 Harassment and Violence, 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, and 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults as a second reading.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was then made by Casey, seconded by Waters to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

1. Payroll for October 15, 2020 in the amount of 1,580,109.43 and October 30, 2020 in the amount of 1,615,525.67
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements
5. Investment Holdings
6. Donations
7. Minutes
8. Personnel

By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Approval of Second Reading of Policies 410 Family and Medical Leave, 413 Harassment and Violence, 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults

A motion was made by McClendon, seconded by Tomback to approve the second reading of policies 410 Family and Medical Leave, 413 Harassment and Violence, 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, and 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, as presented. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Wilsey to adjourn. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Laura McClendon, Clerk

Mary Tomback, Chair

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